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GOAT SEASON CLOSURE **in the** **NORTHWEST PORTION OF UNIT 1(D)**

Biologists with the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in Douglas are announcing an early closure to the goat hunting season (RG 023) in the Takshanuk Mountain portion of Unit 1(D) east of the Haines Highway and Chilkat River, and west of the Chilkoot River and lake in Unit 1D. Biologists have set a guideline harvest objective of 8 points (4-8 goats) for the area. As of Tuesday afternoon 27 September, the reported harvest is 8 points (7 goats). Because the guideline harvest level has been met an emergency order is being issued to close the goat hunting season in the Takshanuk Mountain portion of Unit 1D at 11:59 pm, Thursday 29 September 2005.

Hunters are reminded that the area south of Seven Mile Saddle, off the Haines Highway was previously closed by emergency order (01-02-05). The remainder of Game Management Unit 1(D) will remain open for mountain goat hunting unless a subsequent emergency order is issued to close other areas. Please see the 2005-2006 Alaska Hunting Regulations for the required permit type.

Hunters with questions about mountain goat hunting in Game Management Unit 1(D) can contact the Douglas Area Office of the Alaska Department of Fish & Game @ 465-4265.